

# Public Notice

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## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 1, 2011  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$83,558.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Michael Robert Wing and Jennifer Jean Wing, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for U.S. Bank N.A., its successors and assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: July 5, 2011 Lyon County Recorder  
Document Number: 191432  
And reformed by: Court Order  
Recorded: February 27, 2023  
Document Number: ER15247

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association

Dated: February 14, 2017  
Recorded: February 14, 2017  
Lyon County Recorder

Document Number: ER04995  
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100021200003826889

Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: U.S. Bank N.A.

Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Lyon

Property Address: 400 1st Ave W, Balaton, MN 56115

Tax Parcel ID Number: 21-

144019-0  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Nine (109), Range Forty-two (42), described as follows: Commencing on the East line thirty Six (36) rods North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty Two (22), Township One Hundred Nine (109), Range Forty Two (42) West of the Fifth P.M.; thence running North fifty (50) feet, thence running West two hundred six and twenty five hundredths (206.25) feet, thence running South fifty (50) feet, thence running East two hundred six and twenty five hundredths (206.25) feet to the point of beginning

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$88,322.32

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that this is registered property;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 30, 2023 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center, 611 West Main Street, Marshall, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the

property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2023, or the next business day if November 30, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

**THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: April 4, 2023  
MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association

Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200  
Woodbury, MN 55125  
(651) 209-3300

File Number: 051684-F1

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## STATE OF MINNESOTA LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEATED AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY UNDER STATUTES CHAPTER 103E FOR THE REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS OF LYON COUNTY DITCH 69

### NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

**Please Take Notice:** The Lyon County Board of Commissioners, Drainage Authority for Lyon County Ditch 69 ("CD 69"), will hold a final hearing on the Viewers' Report of Benefits and Damages for the redetermination of benefits of CD 69. The Viewers' Report has been filed with the Drainage Authority. The hearing will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Lyon County Government Center, 607 W. Main Street, Marshall, MN 56258. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Viewers' Report, along with amendments, if any, are available for inspection by contacting John Biren, by email or phone (johnbiren@co.lyon.mn.us or (507) 532-8207 ext.3). Written comments may be directed to Aurora Heard by email or by U.S. Mail to Lyon County, Attn: Aurora Heard, County Auditor-Treasurer, 607 W. Main Street, Marshall, MN 56258.

Please note this is a hearing involving benefits redeterminations for Lyon County Ditch 69. At the final hearing, the Drainage Authority will accept public comment regarding the Viewers' Reports. Any party having an interest in the proceedings may appear and provide comment per the instructions above. Written comments will be accepted through close of business on April 14, 2023 by email or by U.S. Mail to Aurora Heard (auroraheard@co.lyon.mn.us or Lyon County, Attn: Aurora Heard, County Auditor-Treasurer, 607 W. Main Street, Marshall, MN 56258).

**The following properties are affected by the redetermination of benefits and damages for CD 69:**

**Stanley Township**, T-112 N, R-40 E, Sec 5, 6

**Fairview Township**, T-112 N, R-41 W, Sec 1,

**Lucas Township**, T-113 N, R-40 E, Sec 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36

**Vallers Township**, T-113 N, R-41 E, Sec 1, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 32, 35, 36

**City of Cottonwood:** Original Plat to Cottonwood E 23 FT L 22 BLK 3

**The following owners of property are affected by the redetermination of benefits for CD 69:**

Dennis Alex, Patrick Michael Alex, Loren Anderson, Ryan P & Dawn R Arends, Darren Beck & Heidi Hanson Beck, Benjamin A & Linda Bjork Jt, Joseph Maurice Blomme, Steven & Sandra Boerboom Trust, Dean Jeanette Boerboom Trust, Lorraine Bossuyt, Bremer Trust, N.A Trustee Kevin Arneson Retirement Acct, Burlington Northern Inc, Cottonwood Coop Oil Co, Larry & Suzanne Cravens Trust, D&V Land LLP, Dennis Devereaux, Leon & Deborah Doom JT, Fagen Farms LLP, Galbraith Family Ltd Prtntship, Brian G Gniffke Re Liv Trust, Shelly D Gniffke Rev Liv Trust, Gregory W & Karla Goepferich, Douglas & Laurie Gregoire, Sally Hanson, John Harrington, Dale L & Carol J Hinz Trustees, Hinz Trust, Jon R & Brenda L Hoehne JT, J & K Ilika Family Revoc Trust, James F & Karen L Ilika Trstee, Anita Jackson, Jag Properties Limited Partner, Brandon J Jeseritz, Jeremy J & Maria J Labat JT, Leslie W & Una M Lamb Cotrustee, Leslie & Una Lamb Revoc Trust, Larry T Lee, Fagen Farms II LLP, Alice M Louwagie, Allan & Debra Louwagie Etal, Allan H & Debra M Louwagie JT, Anthony Louwagie, Bernadette M Louwagie Trust, Bernadette & Duane Louwagie Tr, Byron & Keisha Louwagie JT, Chad Louwagie, Curtis R & Christie L Louwagie, Derek J & Kristen Louwagie JT, Glenn J Louwagie, Gregory Louwagie Rev Liv Trust, Diane M Louwagie Rev Liv Trust, Jeanne A Louwagie, Kevin & Kalli Louwagie JT, Linda Louwagie Revoc Liv Trust, Dean Louwagie Revoc Liv Trust, Marian C & Leonard J Louwagie, Trustees Of Marian Louwagie, Mark Louwagie Living Trust, Diane Louwagie Living Trust, Marvin Louwagie, Patricia B Louwagie, Raymond & Cynthia Louwagie, Ronald Louwagie Rev Liv Trust, Yvonne Louwagie Rev Liv Trust, Ruth Ann (Tony) Louwagie, Timothy P Louwagie, Lucas Township Allison Vandelanotte, Paul R Lund Jr & Gregory P Lund, Steven Maertens, J & M Matthys LLC, J & M Matthys LLC, Joseph & Marcella Matthys, Robert J Matthys Rev Liv Trust, Robert J Matthys Trustee, Elaine R Meyer, Jonathan E Mohn, Krystal Erin Mohn, North Forty Farms LLC, Oftedal Century Farm Trust Diane & Dean Milbrath Trustees C/O Northwestern Farm Mgmt Co, Charles K Olson, Charles K & Traci L Olson JT, Johathan K Olson, Jonathan Olson, Jonathan & Carolyn Olson, Jonathan K & Carolyn J Olson, Traci L & Carolyn J Olson JT, Ken & Phyllis Persoon Trstes, Persoon Trust, Ken & Phyllis Persoon Trstes Phyllis A Persoon Trust, Clenye Possail, Lon Huso, Cody & Ashley Runholt JT, James B Runholt Trust, Nancy E Runholt Trust, Kevin J & Beth A Schwerin Jt, Mark A & Cathryn A Sleiter JT, SMSU Foundation, Christopher Adam Tupman & Alyssa Jean Tupman JT, Vallers Township Derek Louwagie, Vandelanotte Trust Agreement Mark & Jane Vandelanotte Trste, David G Vandelanotte Estate, Allison Vandelanotte, Jance J Vandelanotte, Jeremy & Alyssa Vandelanotte, Mark A Vandelanotte Trust, Jane R Vandelanotte Trust, Ronald W Vanlerberghe, Anthony Vanuden Living Trust, Kathryn Vanuden Living Trust, Lisa Varpness & Terry Lange, Debra Ness, Mary Yarusso.

**The following governmental entities are affected by the redetermination of benefits for CD 69:**

City Of Cottonwood, Lyon County Highway Department, State Of Minnesota Mn Dept Of Transportation Hydraulics Dept, State Of Mn-Dot Department Of Transportation, Lucas Township, Vallers Township

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## LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Tuesday, March 21, 2023

### A Summary of the Proceedings of the Lyon County Board

9:00 a.m. pursuant to notice the Lyon County Commissioners met with the following members present: Commissioners Graupmann, Anderson, Draper and Andries. Also present: Administrator Stomberg and County Attorney Wikelius. Commissioner Crowley was absent.

**MSP** to approve the agenda.

**MSP** to approve the consent agenda.

**MSP** to adopt the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign all documents associated with the opioid settlement.

**MSP** to adopt and implement the Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

**MSP** to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Brett Muecke to process sand and gravel with the conditions presented.

**MSP** to appoint Lyon County Commissioners Anderson District 5, Andries District 1 and Crowley district 4 and Lincoln County Commissioners Drietz district 4 and Hauswedell district 5 to the JD 31 BR 24 Board.

**MSP** to accept the low quote from Brian Roberts Trucking of \$185.38 per load of wastewater hauled. Approve the three year agreement as discussed.

**MSP** to allow the Environmental department to apply for a MN Trail Riders Association grant of up to \$3,500 to relocate and add tie outs and paddocks at the horse campground.

**MSP** to approve the hire of John Xiong as Accountant II with a starting rate of \$30.52 and start date of March 22, 2023.

**MSP** to approve the hire of William Giannelli as Correctional Officer with a starting rate of \$24.65 and start date of April 3.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

A copy of these proceedings are available in the County Administrator Office of Lyon County and also available at [www.lyonco.org](http://www.lyonco.org).

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS TRACY AQUATIC CENTER LAP POOL AND SPLASH POOL LINER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received and publicly opened by the City of Tracy, Lyon County, Minnesota, at the office of the City Administrator, 336 Morgan Street, Tracy, Minnesota 56175 (Telephone 507-629-5528), the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2023 at 10:00 AM for the furnishing of Labor for the Re-Lining of the Tracy Aquatic Center Lap Pool and Splash Pool.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the City Administrator and copies may be obtained for the contractor's individual use by applying to the City Administrator.

Bids must be made on the basis of cash payment for work and accompanied by a cash deposit, certified check on a responsible bank in the State of Minnesota, or a bidder's bond made payable without conditions to the City of Tracy, MN, in an amount of not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes a false statement under oath verifying compliance with the minimum criteria will be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project, and the submission of a false statement may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits the false statement. A prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Before execution of a construction contract, a prime contractor shall submit a supplemental verification under oath confirming that all subcontractors and motor carriers that the prime contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the prime contractor, through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer, that they meet criteria for a responsible contractor.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any bids received without explanation. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days.

By order of the City Council of the City of Tracy, Minnesota  
Erik Hansen, City Administrator  
Dated: March 13, 2023

The 102nd Annual Meeting of the  
**BETHEL COMMUNITY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
will be held on  
**Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**  
at the home of Wayne Brock.  
*All interested are invited to attend.*

# Professional Directory

**STEPHENS Funeral Service**  
*Tracy Area Funeral Home*  
1155 Morgan St. • Tracy, MN • 507-629-4680  
Nathan & Valerie Stephens, owners

**DANA F. COLE & COMPANY, LLP**  
**Certified Public Accountants**  
GREG SHAW, CPA; EDWARD CARTER, ENROLLED AGENT  
213 Fourth Street • Tracy, MN 56175 • 507-629-3909

**BALATON DENTAL CLINIC**  
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For Appointments Call (507) 734-2251

*Horvath Funeral Service*  
444 Craig Ave, Tracy, MN 56175  
629-4510, [www.horvathfuneralservice.com](http://www.horvathfuneralservice.com)  
Quinn M. Horvath, Owner/Funeral Director

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Public Notice

# CITY OF TRACY 2022 DRINKING WATER REPORT

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you, or speak with someone who understands it.

Información importante. Si no la entiende, haga que alguien se la traduzca ahora.

Daim ntawv teev num no muaj cov ntaub ntawv tseeb hais txog koj cov dej haus. Nrhiaiv ib tug neeg pab txhais cov ntaub ntawv no rau koj, lossis tham nrog ib tug neeg uas paub cov lus no.

## MAKING SAFE DRINKING WATER

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 290 to 294 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian aquifer.

Tracy works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Shane Daniels, Director of Public Works/Utilities, at 507-828-0417 or sdaniels@tracymn.org if you have questions about Tracy's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## TRACY MONITORING RESULTS

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and Testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

## How to read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

## Definitions

- AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency
- MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- N/A (Not applicable):** Does not apply.
- ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).
- ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).
- PWSID:** Public water system identification.

## Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances

### LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead (08/11/21)	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0.39 ppb	0 out of 10	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper (08/11/21)	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.46 ppm	0 out of 10	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

### INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Nitrate	10 ppm	10.4 ppm	0.45 ppm	N/A	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Toluene (2018)	1 ppm	1 ppm	0.0003 ppm	N/A	NO	Discharge from petroleum factories.

### CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (THMHs)	N/A	80 ppb	0.8 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1.9 ppm	0.01 - 1.96 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

### OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.99 ppm	0.95 - 1.00 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

## Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Drinking Water Sources

Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.
- Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.
- Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Tracy is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at Source Water Assessments ([www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa)) or call 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Tracy is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

- Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.
  - You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>.
  - The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.
- Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
- Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.
  - Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample: Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>) The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.
- Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.
  - Read about water treatment units: Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html>)

- Learn more:**
- Visit Lead in Drinking Water (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>)
  - Visit Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)
  - Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Common Sources (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/fs/common.html>).

**Help Protect Our Most Precious Resource - Water**  
Reduce Backflow at Cross Connections  
Bacteria and chemicals can enter the drinking water supply from polluted water sources in a process called backflow. Backflow occurs at connection points between drinking water and non-drinking water supplies (cross connections) due to water pressure differences.  
For example, if a person sprays an herbicide with a garden hose, the herbicide could enter the home's plumbing and then enter the drinking water supply. This could happen if the water pressure in the hose is greater than the water pressure in the home's pipes.  
Property owners can help prevent backflow. Pay attention to cross connections, such as garden hoses.  
The Minnesota Department of Health and American Water Works Association recommend the following:

- Do not submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, or sinks.
  - Keep the end of hoses clear of possible contaminants.
  - Do not use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device. Attach these devices to threaded faucets. Such devices are inexpensive and available at hardware stores.
  - Use a licensed plumber to install backflow prevention devices.
  - Maintain air gaps between hose outlets and liquids. An air gap is a vertical space between the water outlet and the flood level of a fixture (e.g. the space between a wall-mounted faucet and the sink rim). It must be at least twice the diameter of the water supply outlet, and at least one inch.
  - Commercial property owners should develop a plan for flushing or cleaning water systems to minimize the risk of drawing contaminants into uncontaminated areas.
- Water systems have ongoing infrastructure, operations and maintenance costs in supplying safe drinking water, and many are implementing additional efforts to help insure health equity and manageable water bills with:
- Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth.
  - Shower instead of bathing to reduce water use.
  - Fix running toilets by replacing flapper valves.
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# Memoirs

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replaced by an online search version, the Dewey Decimal System is still being used in most libraries for filing their books.

The high school library was located on the second floor in the oldest part of the old central high school, next to the large study hall. It was overseen by Mrs. Livingston, our librarian during the 50s to mid-60s. It was during high school that students first learned how to use the library to do research for term papers using various material in the library. The library contained many reference books including the large encyclopedia Britannica. In addition to many books of both fiction and non-fiction, the library included a collection of several news and other current event magazines and newspapers.

The current issues were stored in the library reading area while the previous issues going back many years were stored in the back-room of the library.

The key to doing research back then when using magazines and other periodicals was the Reader's Guide to Periodic Literature. This included a large paperback catalogue issued monthly and a hardcover annual version that listed all the articles by subject that appeared in popular periodicals.

When doing your research, you would first find an article of interest that appeared in the Reader's Guide AND was in a periodical to which the library had a subscription. Then you would find the librarian, ask her to locate that particular magazine issue and check it out. There were no copy machines in the school or library to make a copy of the article to take home with you.

The current, modern Tracy Public Library is light years ahead of what was available 60 years ago. Tracy readers are very fortunate to have such a nice resource available today, and part of the reason is due to several generous donations made to the current library, including one made by the daughter of the former librarian, Mrs. Noa Finnigan. Her family's financial support has helped continue the legacy of a first-class public library in Tracy.

For readers interested in a more in-depth history of Tracy's Public Library over the years, I recommend reading Lorraine Radke's "Yesteryear" book which is a collection of her articles published in the *Headlight Herald* approximately 25 years ago.

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